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THREE DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEIT GOODS

FRESNO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a Fresno grand jury returned separate indictments against SARAH BORUNDA, 63 of Fresno, SHAN AHMED, 43, of Sacramento, and LAN TUYET NGUYEN, 46, of Los Banos, Calif., charging each defendant with knowingly trafficking in counterfeit goods.

These cases are a product of an investigation by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who is prosecuting the cases, the indictments allege that each defendant knowingly trafficked in counterfeit merchandise at various times and locations in Fresno County. BORUNDA is alleged to have trafficked in counterfeit purses, wallets, hats, and scarves bearing spurious marks belonging to Coach, Chanel, Dooney & Bourke, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Fendi, and others. AHMED is alleged to have trafficked in counterfeit wallets, purses, and shoes bearing spurious marks belonging to Coach, Chanel, Nike, and others. NGUYEN is alleged to have trafficked in counterfeit wallets, purses, hats, and scarves bearing spurious marks belonging to Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Fendi, Coach, and others. The indictments seek forfeiture of all counterfeit items and property used to facilitate commission of the offenses.

The defendants face a potential prison sentence of 10 years and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges in an indictment are only allegations, and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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